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## Terry Goddard and AARP to Host Shred-a-Thon in Mesa

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Dec. 8, 2006) Attorney General Terry Goddard and AARP Arizona will host a Shred-a-Thon on Thursday, Dec. 14, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Mesa Senior Center, 247 N. Macdonald, in downtown Mesa.

Residents are encouraged to bring old bills, tax returns older than seven years, medical records and other documents containing personal identifying information to shred. The Center for the Blind Document Destruction is donating the use of a large shredding truck for the event.

"For victims of ID theft, restoring one's identity is a long, frustrating process," Goddard said. "Shredding old financial documents is a simple way to reduce your chances of becoming a victim."

The Attorney General's Fraud Fighter Van and Community Services staff will be on hand with information about consumer protection.

The Shred-a-Thon is free and open to the public.

"We want people to take time out from this busy holiday season to think about protecting themselves against ID theft," said AARP Arizona State Director David Mitchell.

## **Event Information:**

Event: Shred-a-Thon
When: Thursday, Dec. 14
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Mesa Senior Center Downtown

247 N. Macdonald Mesa. Arizona

If you have questions about this event or other consumer issues, please call (602) 542-2123 or visit the Attorney General's Web site at <a href="https://www.azag.gov">www.azag.gov</a>.

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